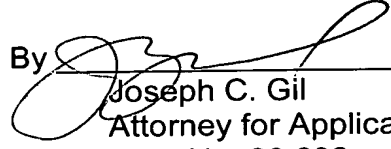


REMARKS

Claims 1 and 3-13 are pending in the present application. Applicants cancel herewith Claims 1, 3 and 10-13; the remaining claims are Claims 4-9. Claims 4-9 were previously allowed (Office Action dated August 3, 2005). A terminal disclaimer over U.S. Patent 6,590,098 is enclosed, thus obviating the double-patenting rejection of Claims 4-9 in the Office Action of January 9, 2006. Accordingly, all outstanding issues have been addressed, and a notice of allowance is respectfully requested at an early date.

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